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Paul L. Glader, Manager, Environmental Services Hecla Mining Company 6500 Mineral Drive, Suite 200 Coeur D'Alene, Idaho 83815-9408

Subject: Notice of File Closure and Release of Reclamation Surety, Hecla Mining Company, Escalante

Silver Mine, M/021/004, Iron County, Utah

Dear Mr. Glader:

Hecla Mining Company is hereby released by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining from further reclamation responsibilities at the Escalante silver mine. On February 5, 2013, the Division received a request for full release of the reclamation surety (\$42,756.00) and of the permit for this site. Hecla has established a weed control fund with the BLM for continued weed control at the site. With this agreement in place, the Division has been notified by the BLM that the remaining surety can be released and the file closed.

If you wish to conduct any future mining or exploration related activity in this area, you will need to submit a new Notice of Intention to the Division and provide reclamation surety prior to creating any disturbance. Attached is your original reclamation contract for your disposal.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience in completing this task. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this action, please contact me at (801) 538-5261 or Lynn Kunzler at (801) 538-5310.

Sincerely

Paul B. Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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Enc: Original Reclamation Contract

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